

BUTTON CELL BATTERY PACK WITH AIR ACCESS CHANNEL

CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

LSB [0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/079,357 filed on February 20, 2002. *U.S. Patent No. 6,659,281*

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[0002] Not Applicable

Background Of The Invention

[0003] The present invention relates to packaging for button cell batteries, and more particularly to button cell packs which inhibit pilfering.

[0004] Button cell batteries are typically used in hearing aids, and, are thus small in size having a diameter which can be less than half the width of a finger. Moreover, the small battery size results in a limited power supply, and requires replacement in a hearing aid at regular intervals. In order to accommodate frequent replacement of these batteries, the batteries are typically sold in packages containing a plurality of the batteries.

[0005] One known battery package disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,839,583 encloses six button cell batteries in a hard plastic case. The package is molded in one piece, and includes a base hingedly connected to a cover. The base includes pockets which receive the batteries. The pockets containing the batteries are covered by a sheet of plastic material which is adhesively attached to the base and each battery. The cover closes over the plastic covered batteries in the pockets. Absent wrapping the package to prevent access by a pilferer by